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MINISTRY FOR THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

1st Dept.: A
No. 9/278
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The Hague, 20 April 1946.

To the Netherlands Indies Government.

With reference to your telegram of the 5th inst., letter GO, concerning obligations of Japan in connection with the Geneva Convention of 1929, I have the honour to forward to you annexed copy of the letter on this subject sent by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, dated the 17th inst., Dept. Political Affairs No. 29648.

The Minister for the Overseas Territories
on behalf of the Minister,
the Under-Secretary.

/s/ O.E.W. Six.

Certified a true copy,
The Acting 1st Secretary of the Government,

/s/ L. O. Baron van Boetzelaer

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dept.: Political Affairs
No. 29648

The Hague, 17 April 1946.

In reply to your letter, dated 8th inst., 1st Dept. A No. 28, I have the honour to inform you that Japan has signed and ratified the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929 for the amelioration of the conditions of the wounded and sick of armies in the field on the 18th December 1934.

Japan did also sign the Convention of 27 April 1929 relative to the treatment of prisoners of war but has not ratified it.

Japan however has declared that she will apply this Convention on a footing of reciprocity, according to a telegram of 20 February 1943 of the International Red Cross at Geneva, copy of which I enclose herewith. The text of both Conventions can be found in the Official Gazette 1932, No. 514.

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs
for the Minister.

The Chief of Dept.,
/s/ W. van Boetzelaer.

Certified a true copy.

The Under-Secretary
of the Ministry for Overseas Territories.
/s/ O.E.W. Six.

For certification of certified copy.
The Acting 1st Secretary of the
Government.

To His Excellency
the Minister for the Overseas Territories. /s/ E. O. van Boetzelaer

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